

**PROJECT TEAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 8, 2006**

1. **ATTENDANCE:** **Bryan Paradis** – LID, **Brian Dwight** – BWSR, **Dan Thul** – DNR Waters, **Donald Kuntz** - Landowner, **Kevin Kuntz** – Landowner, **June Kuntz** – Landowner, **Erik Jones** – Houston Engineering, **Mark Aanenson** – Houston Engineering, **Brian Dwight** – BWSR, **Henry VanOffelen** – MCEA, **Mike Vavricka** – MPCA, **Maynard Pick** – Congressional, **Adam Woltjer** – NRCS, **Wayne Goeken** – RRWMB, **Don Buckhout** – MN DNR, **April Swenby** – SHRWD Administrative Assistant, and **Daniel Wilkens** – SHRWD Administrator.
2. **AGENDA REVIEW:** No new items were added to the agenda.
3. **MINUTES:** The May 9, 2006 minutes were approved.

**GARDEN SLOUGH:** The purpose and need statement cannot be defined until the modeling is completed. The modeling is under development and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2006. Jones reported it could be completed as early as October.

**FISH PASSAGE:** The storm water permit will be applied for at the time the dirt work begins.

Thul reported that the permit has been submitted to the proper subordinates. There is a 30 day review period. Thul stated that the permit was given to Chad Konickson last winter, who was awaiting approval of the EAW. Konickson was not notified that the EAW was approved; thus the delay for submitting the permit. The permit is now in motion and bids can be let at the regular SHRWD board meeting on September 5, 2006.

A letter of permission has been given from the Corp of Engineers.

There was no response from WACA regarding the Wetland Impact.

**UNION LAKE EROSION CONTROL:** Bryan Paradis – LID, reported that the LID is committed to cost sharing 15% for the project. He stated that he spoke to the county commissioners asking for funding and is awaiting their response. The watershed will pay \$35,000 or 35% and the state will pay \$50,000 or 50%.

Some project team members brought forth concerns because they were unaware of the structures planned in the farmer's field upstream. Woltjer did not believe the structures would affect the project as the holding time is within 48 hours; however should the holding time be longer, it could pose a problem with the CRP. He suggested checking with the Farm Service Agency to double checking any concerns they may have.

The watershed will contact who ever is in charge of Shoreline Regulations and WACA to determine if permits are needed from their agencies. Brian Dwight will contact the Corp to see if they have any concerns regarding this project. Vavricka – PCA did not report any foreseen issues with this project as it falls below the 1 acre requirement.

It was suggested to the LID that purchasing the farm field may be more beneficial rather than an easement. The landowner needs to be contacted and informed of his options. A meeting will be scheduled.

Bryan Paradis believes the problem is derived from the farming and the ditching upstream. Wilkens informed him that the ditching needs a permit and encouraged everyone to report signs of illegal ditching. The watershed can only stop what they know is happening and it depends on the help of the local residents to report suspicious activity.

Don Kuntz expressed his concern from the road to the lake. He displayed photos from when he first purchased the property. He would like to see vegetation planted from the road up and firmly believes this would be beneficial. He also reported water and electrical lines below this area. Kuntz also expressed

concern as to who would be responsible for the maintenance of this area. The LID will coordinate with the watershed to determine who would be responsible. An agreement would need to be negotiated.

Trandem did not attend and did not bring photos as per the agenda

**OVERALL PLAN:** Mark Aanenson displayed a summary of the process to update of the Sand Hill River Watershed District's overall plan. The process consisted of two phases and explained that Houston Engineering has begun phase one. The project team reviewed maps to determine the planning regions. The boundaries were reviewed and suggestions will be given to the managers to adopt at the next Sand Hill River Watershed District board meeting on September 5, 2006.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held October 10, 2006 at 10:30 AM at the Sand Hill River Watershed District office in Fertile, MN.

**Minutes respectfully submitted:**

**April Swenby – Administrative Assistant**